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**MAEDA Minoru**

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Subject was born 10 Feb 1893 in Kagoshima-ken. Graduated from the Naval Academy in 1913 and finished special course, Naval War College in 1921. In 1931 he was Naval attache to the Imperial Embassy to U.S.S.R.; and again in 1938 was Naval attache to the Imperial Embassy to U.S.S.R. and concurrently Naval Attache to the Imperial Legation to Finland. He was made Vice-admiral in Nov 1943 and Commander-in-Chief. 10th Air Fleet in Mar 1945. In March 1946 was attached to Second Demobilization Ministry.

**INFORMATION:** Chief of the Information Div. (Concurrently the Chief of the 3rd Div Naval General Staff on 18 Oct 1941 when the cabinet change took place from the KONOE's to TOJO's.

**SOURCE:** Memo of Liaison committee (Tokyo) for the Imperial Japanese Army and Navy N.D. No. 276 dtd 3 Nov 45 to Hqs SCAP Civil Intelligence, G-2 files.

**INFORMATION** Chief of the Imperial Japanese hqs press section has been fired. He put 1942 May 16 out the fantastic tale of the Coral Sea battle which was so exaggerated that the German naval spokesman, Admiral LUETZOW (Germany) called attempt to its inaccuracy.

**SOURCE:** NY J&A 16 May 42, OSS R & A FE, Washington, 24 Jul 44

**INFORMATION** Present Naval Attache at the Japanese Embassy in China transferred and 1944 Jan Rear Admiral Katsuei NAKAMURA takes his place.

**SOURCE:** FCC, Daily Report 8 Jan 1944

Former naval attache to Nanking is named naval advisor to the National Chinese Government.  
(Arriba, 9 Jan 44, IDC, Subj Index, Washington, 10 May 44)

Subject visited Poland from 1922-24 to study the Russian Language. He visited most european countries while he was attache in Moscow on Inspection trips. In 1934 he travelled through the U.S.A. on way back from Russia, on Inspection trip.

The NIPPON TIMES, dtd 28 Dec 50 states that a Moscow newspaper The Pravda charged Americans with organizing volunteer Japanese to fight in Indo-china and Korea. It stated that Vice Adm MAEDA and other former Japanese naval officers were being used as advisers in Asian naval blockade tactics.

201475 file, book 18, page 11/25 dated 22 Jan 53 Eval B-2

MAEDA Minoru is one of the Officials of the PATRIOTIC AND SINCERITY SOCIETY (Junkoku Shisei Kai) Atami-shi, Shizuoka-ken which was formed in 1950 and is comprised of 13 branches with the total of 3,000 members at the present time. (The Patriotic and Sincerity Society is an extreme rightist organization, reportedly well organized and who is waiting for the opportune time to carry out their ultra-nationalistic ideologies. This organization favors rearmament of Japan. The "Tosei" faction of the former Jap Army is believed to be the nucleus of this organization.

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MAEDA Minoru is a member of the Patriotic Faith Society which is under the leadership of TSUJI Masanobu. Subject's address was 199 Yoyogi Sanya-machi, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo-to.

4100.0000 File, Book 4, page 17 dated 1 Apr 52 B-2

MAEDA Minoru is one of the sponsors who have requested donations for the alleged purpose of erecting monuments to the war dead. Many persons who served with the Jap Armed forces have received these requests: "Let us dedicate a statue to the 'Merciful Goddess' for the souls of the Kamikaze pilots".

201185 file, book 3, page 46 dtd 28 Aug 50 Eval B-3

MAEDA Minoru has recently visited YAMAMI Kashiro at Makurazaki-shi, Kagoshima-ken. YAMAMI Kashiro is believed to be the owner of at least two ships involved in smuggling former Japanese military personnel to Formosa for service with the Chinese Nationalist Forces, and he is presently wanted by the Japanese police. Maeda Minoru's address in this report is Kajiki-cho, Aira-gun, Kagoshima-ken.

1000.0102 File, Book 1, page 22, dtd 24 Sep 52 (B-2)

"PROPOSED CHINESE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN TOKYO"

On 19 Jul 52, MAEDA Minoru, former Vice Admiral, Jap Navy and TAMARI (fnu) former titled personage, returned to Japan from Formosa with the following missions:

1. To organize a Chinese Intelligence Agency with hqs in Tokyo.
2. To contact Jap Govt agencies to facilitate the organization of this agency.

Since MAEDA's return he has been able to contact MURAI, Jun (Chief of the Diet Investigation Section) through Tamari, who was able to arrange this meeting through the private secretary of Prime Minister Yoshida. During the meeting, MAEDA outlined the contemplated mission of the organization, and requested the help of MURAI to coordinate their work in the future. Lt Gen NYU, (Chinese Nationalist Army) was mentioned as the proposed chief of this organization.

During the latter part of Aug 52, Lt Gen NYU arrived in Tokyo and contacted MAEDA. He then, along with MAEDA, held a conference with Murai concerning the organization of the proposed agency. Since this conference, the initial phase of organizing this agency has started, and Maeda is presently receiving 30,000 yen a month from the Diet Investigation Section. Murai has made plans to submit a request for funds in the next budget to finance a portion of the above operation. Lt Gen NYU has also contacted Kimura, Tokutaro, Attorney General, but the reason for this contact is not known. During the first week of Sept 52, NYU held a conference with the following former Japanese officers to get their opinions concerning the invasion of the Chinese mainland, and their tactics if such an invasion were contemplated:

Maj Gen Onouchi, Hiroshi  
Lt Gen Doi, Akio  
Maj Gen Yamamoto, Satoshi  
Col Suzuki, Yukio

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The information concerning the establishment of the Chinese Intelligence Agency is presently known to the Yomiuri Newspaper, Soviet Press, Maritime Safety Agency, and the National Rural Police.

Lt Gen NYU is scheduled to return to Formosa on or about 20 Sep 52.

MATSU Report No 1091 dated 10 Oct 52

I. In Jun 52 former Vice Adm MAEDA Minoru went to Formosa in order to contact the Nationalist Govt authorities in connection with the raising of sunken ships. However, this plan came to naught, but he was able to meet leading figures in the Chinese Govt in Taipei. As a result he was asked by Lt Gen TING Chieh-Min, Asst Chief of the General Staff in the National Defense Ministry, to engage in Intelligence activities in Japan for the Nationalist Govt. (Note: MAEDA was an expert on the Soviet Union for the former Jap Navy. However since he was Naval Attache in Nanking he knows quite a few people in Nationalist Govt circles.)

II. MAEDA at present is attempting to organize an intelligence network. It is true that he got in touch with MURAI Sunao of the Cabinet Survey Office after his return to Japan, and he is now a member of this Survey office. (It is said that his salary is 20,000 yen a month.)

NOTE: The Cabinet Survey Office has the job of gathering and evaluating information on Communism and MURAI Sunao, who is the Asst Chief of the Police Affairs Dept in NRP Hqs, is serving as its Chief.

III. NIU Hsien-ming (Lt Gen) a superintendent in the continental Campaign Section of the National Defense Ministry of the Nationalist Govt, came to Japan from Formosa in August 52. His prime objective here was to study the feasibility of sending spies to the Chinese Mainland from Japan. NIU met with MAEDA and other former service personnel.

NOTE: MURAI is not the chief of the Diet Investigation Section but is the Chief of the Cabinet Investigation Chamber. He has been engaged in the collection of intelligence from the beginning, and he made plans to conduct investigations concerning matters related to the future defense of the nation. Hence, he procured the services of MAEDA and others and charged them with the work of conducting research on Chinese and Soviet Problems.

There is no basis for the report that MAEDA is working under MURAI to form or assist in the formation of a Chinese Intelligence organ.

The object of Lt Gen NIU's meeting with MURAI and MAEDA was solely to establish a Japan-Sino consultation organ in Tokyo. He is convinced that the future of NatChina govt depended solely on its friendship with Japan.

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☐ Rept 7 Dec 56: ASAI ( Ass't chief of DOI's Continental Problems Research Institute) is currently a non-regular member of CRC's Defense Team and is a member of so called MAEDA Organ operated by the team. This organ is headed by ex-vice-Amiral MAEDA Minoru. ASAI received ¥ 20,000 remunerations for his services from CRC.

☐ Rept L- 2566: On WAKAO Hiroshi's Military Affairs Team ....  
MAEDA Minoru Soviet expert of Institute of Foreign Affairs.

CRC Study: p 16: MAEDA Minoru is listed as one of 5 advisors to MURAI Jun on repat interrogation program of as of Aug 1953.

p 59: BOEI MONDAI KENKYU JO (Defense Problems Research Institute) aka MAEDA Kenkyu Jo---Am't allotted during 1956-57¥ 500,000 Spent ¥ 989,000